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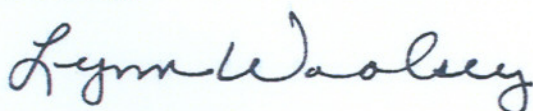
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of an exciting project at Harmony School in Occidental, California, the development of the Salmon Creek Eco-Resource Center. Harmony School is already a leader in environmental education with Salmon Creek restoration activities integrated into the curriculum; the next phase is construction of a green building that will function as a demonstration site for students and the general public.

The school has already raised substantial funds toward this goal. When completed, it will offer a model of environmental stewardship for the community as well as inspiring our children to take responsibility for the health of our fragile planet.

I urge you to consider supporting the Eco-Resource Center. It is an investment in all of our futures.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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PATRICIA WIGGINS
SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



December 15, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I write in support of the Harmony Union School District's grant request to build the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center. The entire site is dedicated to the preservation and study of the watershed. This new environmental center will serve and benefit the K-8 population of the district, as well as the greater community.

The Harmony School District has pursued a vision that will benefit this entire coastal region. When completed, it will offer a positive model of environmental stewardship for the community, while educating our children to the need for personal responsibility in safeguarding the future of an increasingly fragile world.

The Salmon Creek Watershed Group, Center for Eco-Literacy, Sonoma County Water Agency, and United States Fish and Game are just a partial listing of the many organizations that have partnered with the Harmony School District in efforts to make a shared vision, a shared reality.

I urge you to fully support the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center as a wise investment in all of our futures.

Sincerely,

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PATRICIA WIGGINS
State Senator, 2nd District

CC: Mike Panas Harmony School District
Victoria Johnston SCFEC Project Facilitator

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January 24, 2006

Chairman Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of Harmony Union School District's grant request to build an Eco Resource Center. The Center will provide the school district with a green building that will house a cafeteria, office space, a foyer, and an outdoor learning area.

This funding would allow the Coastal Conservancy to establish an environmental learning center in Western Sonoma County and will provide Sonoma County with an interesting demonstration building of sustainable building practices in a school environment.

In preparation for this project, Harmony Union School District is in the process of becoming the first K-8 school in California to complete the Leaders in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification. Additionally, Harmony Union School District has built strong partnerships with many local environmental agencies such as the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Salmon Creek Watershed Group, the Center for Ecoliteracy, and the State Department of Environmental Education, Fish and Game, Sonoma State University, Sonoma County Jail Industries, and Sonoma County Water Agency.

The project will benefit the community as well as the students while preserving, protecting, and restoring the resources of the coastal region. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to authorize funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wesley Chesbro".

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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December 13, 2006

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

As the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools, it is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center located in the Harmony Union School District. In Sonoma County, there are 90 individual elementary schools sites serving the local neighborhood students, each with its own distinctive character. The Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center has the distinction of geography and terrain uniquely suited to promote environmental education. The investment by the State Coastal Conservancy at this school campus will be an invaluable asset for other school districts within Sonoma County to jointly take advantage of this wonderful resource.

During my past four years as County Superintendent, I have been most impressed by the professional commitment, community enthusiasm and passionate support for the development of a landmark environmental center at the Salmon Creek Elementary School site. This project has not only the broad support of educators in Sonoma County but of other elected officials, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and our Congressional representative. The mission and core value of the Coastal Conservancy are aligned with the vision captured by the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center and I commend this project for your positive consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Carl Wong, Ed.D.

c: Mike Panas, Interim Superintendent, Harmony Union
Victoria Johnston, Project Facilitator, Salmon Creek Environmental Center

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January 31, 2006

Mr. Sam Schucat
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Coastal Conservancy
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Sam:

I am writing in support of the Harmony Union School District's grant request to build an Eco-Resource Center. The new state-of-the-art "Green" designed building will act as a demonstration building on "how to lighten our footprint on the earth." This will help to complete the Environmental Educational Center on the Salmon Creek campus in Occidental. The entire site is dedicated to the preservation and study of the watershed, habitat and all interrelated environmental studies to serve the K-8 population of the district and the greater community.

The funding grant from the California Coastal Conservancy would be Phase 2 and would allow the Harmony Union School District to complete the Community Resource Center using the California High Performance School Standards and LEED criteria. The center will include a cafeteria, kitchen, environmental education office to support community use, and an assembly space. The school district has already received a matching grant for this project from the Office of Public School joint-use money, district funding and generous community support. This ecologically designed building would serve as a place for school groups, the community and visitors to conduct environmentally-oriented teacher trainings, study sessions and workshops.

The school district has a track record of partnering with local agencies including the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Bodega Land Trust, the Salmon Creek Watershed Group, The Center for Ecoliteracy, Fish and Game, Sonoma State University, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Office of Public School Construction and Sonoma County Water Agency.

This project will benefit the greater community as well as the students while preserving, protecting and restoring the resources of this part of the coastal region. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to authorize the necessary funding for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Mike Reilly
Fifth District Supervisor

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Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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December 13, 2006

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

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The project will benefit the community as well as the students, therefore we urge the Coastal Conservancy to authorize funding for this project.

Sincerely,

JOE POZZI

District Manager, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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February 20, 2006

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. ^{Sam}Schuchat:

On behalf of the Board and staff of The Bay Institute (TBI), I am writing to express our support of The Harmony Union School District's proposal to build the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center on the Salmon Creek Campus. Over the past five years, The Bay Institute, through its STRAW Project (Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed), has worked with teachers and students in the Harmony School District on riparian restoration projects and other watershed studies. The STRAW Project coordinates and sustains a network of teachers, students, community members and restoration specialists as they plan and implement riparian studies and restoration projects in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Harmony Union School District has a long history of providing a rich environmental education program to its students, using its extraordinary site as a focus for environmental science and restoration. This proposal deserves support from The Conservancy, as it will provide important resources that will greatly extend what is possible on campus. The structure will provide countless learning opportunities, both in its actual design and as a resource to facilitate learning for students on campus as well as the community at large.

We highly recommend the Salmon Creek proposal, and are poised to support the school district as it expands its successful environmental education program, not only on campus, but to the greater North Coast community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Grant Davis
Executive Director

cc: Fred Adams, Superintendent

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February 22, 2006

Sam Schuchat
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Coastal Conservancy
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

I am writing in support of the Harmony Union School District's grant request to build the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center. The new state-of-the-art "Green" designed building will act as a demonstration building on "how to lighten our footprint on the earth". This will help to complete the environmental educational center on the Salmon Creek campus in Occidental. The entire site is dedicated to the preservation and study of the watershed, habitat and all inter-related environmental studies to serve the K-8 population of the district and the greater community.

The funding grant from the California Coastal Conservancy would be Phase 2 and would allow the Harmony Union School District to complete the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center using the California High Performance School Standards and LEED™ criteria. The center will include a cafeteria, kitchen, environmental education offices to support community use, and an assembly space. The school district has already received a matching grant for this project from the Office of Public School Joint-use money, district funding and generous community support. This ecologically designed building would serve as a place for school groups, the community and visitors to conduct teacher trainings, study sessions, workshops, and evening English classes for the Latino Community.

The school district has a track record of partnering with local agencies including the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Bodega Land Trust, the Salmon Creek Watershed group, The Center for Ecoliteracy, Fish and Game, Sonoma State University, U.S. Fish and Wild Life, Office of Public School Construction and Sonoma County Water Agency.

The Salmon Creek Watershed Council has been working with the School since the inception of this project. We are very enthusiastic about having such an appropriate central meeting place where we can also keep educational materials and literature. This project will benefit the greater community, as well as the students, by providing both the inspiration and resources to educate the local citizens and enable them to preserve, protect and restore the environment in this part of the coastal region. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to authorize the necessary funding for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

ON BEHALF OF THE SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL

Lauren Hammack
Ann Cassidy
Patricia Kraft
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December 11, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Coastal Conservancy
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

The Bodega Land Trust is fully supportive of the Harmony Union School District's grant request to build the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center. As a Joint Partner in the Center, Bodega Land Trust looks forward to utilizing the Center for educational, outreach and administrative purposes. The new state-of-the-art "Green" designed building will be a wonderful demonstration building that can help us to encourage our neighbors to lighten our footprint on the earth, a goal the Bodega Land Trust embraces whole-heartedly. The Center's stated objective as a site dedicated to the preservation and study of the watershed, habitat and all inter-related environmental studies serving the K-8 population of the district and the greater community will undoubtedly enhance the overall environmental awareness of our community.

The funding grant from the California Coastal Conservancy will allow the Harmony Union School District to complete the Salmon Creek Falls Environmental Center using the California High Performance School Standards and LEED™ criteria. The center's planned cafeteria, kitchen, environmental education offices and assembly space will support community environmental efforts such as ours. Currently, our public meeting and storage areas are limited. This ecologically designed building will serve as a unique and needed place for our educational programs including workshops, lectures and conferences, public meetings and board meetings and community gatherings. We are also looking forward to utilizing the building as a space for resources including maps, watershed studies and records.

The school district has already received a matching grant for this project from the Office of Public School Joint-Use, district funding and generous community support. In addition to the school's collaboration with the Bodega Land Trust, the school district has a good track record of partnering with other local agencies including the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Salmon Creek Watershed group, The Center for Ecoliteracy, Fish and Game, Sonoma State University, U.S. Fish and Wild Life, Office of Public School Construction and Sonoma County Water Agency.

This project will be a wonderful resource for our community as well as for the students, and will help to preserve, protect and restore part of our cherished Salmon Creek Watershed as well. On behalf of the Bodega Land Trust, I urge the Coastal Conservancy to authorize the necessary funding for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Mary Biggs, President, Bodega Land Trust

Cc: Mike Panas, Super Intendant of Harmony Union Schools, 1935 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA

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